

Applicant has amended claim 4 by the present amendment to be in independent form, and to incorporate all of the limitations of original claim 1. Claim 5 depends from claim 4, and therefore incorporates the changes made thereto by amendment.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that as amended, claims 4 and 5 are now in condition for allowance.

#### New Claims

Applicant is introducing new claims 7-14 by the present amendment. New claims 7-9 depend from claim 1 and add further limitations thereto. Claim 10 is a new independent claim which is directed to a balancer driven gear including a bush member and a gear member coaxial with the bush member, wherein two recesses positioned on opposite sides with respect to the axis of the balancer driven gear have mutually different depths; and wherein two of the inward dowels, respectively disposed within said two opposite recesses, have mutually different heights.

All of the new claims are fully supported by the specification as filed, including the drawings.

#### Conclusion

Applicant respectfully suggests that as presently amended, all of the pending claims are believed to be allowable.

It is applicant's contention that no possible reading of the references, either singly or in any reasonable combination, can be viewed as teaching applicant's claimed invention.

For all of the above mentioned reasons, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record, and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application. Applicant also respectfully submits that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter into the application, as all of the subject matter thereof was expressly or inherently disclosed by the original specification.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



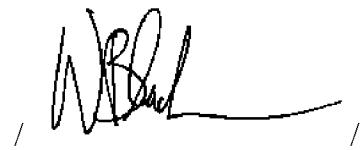
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